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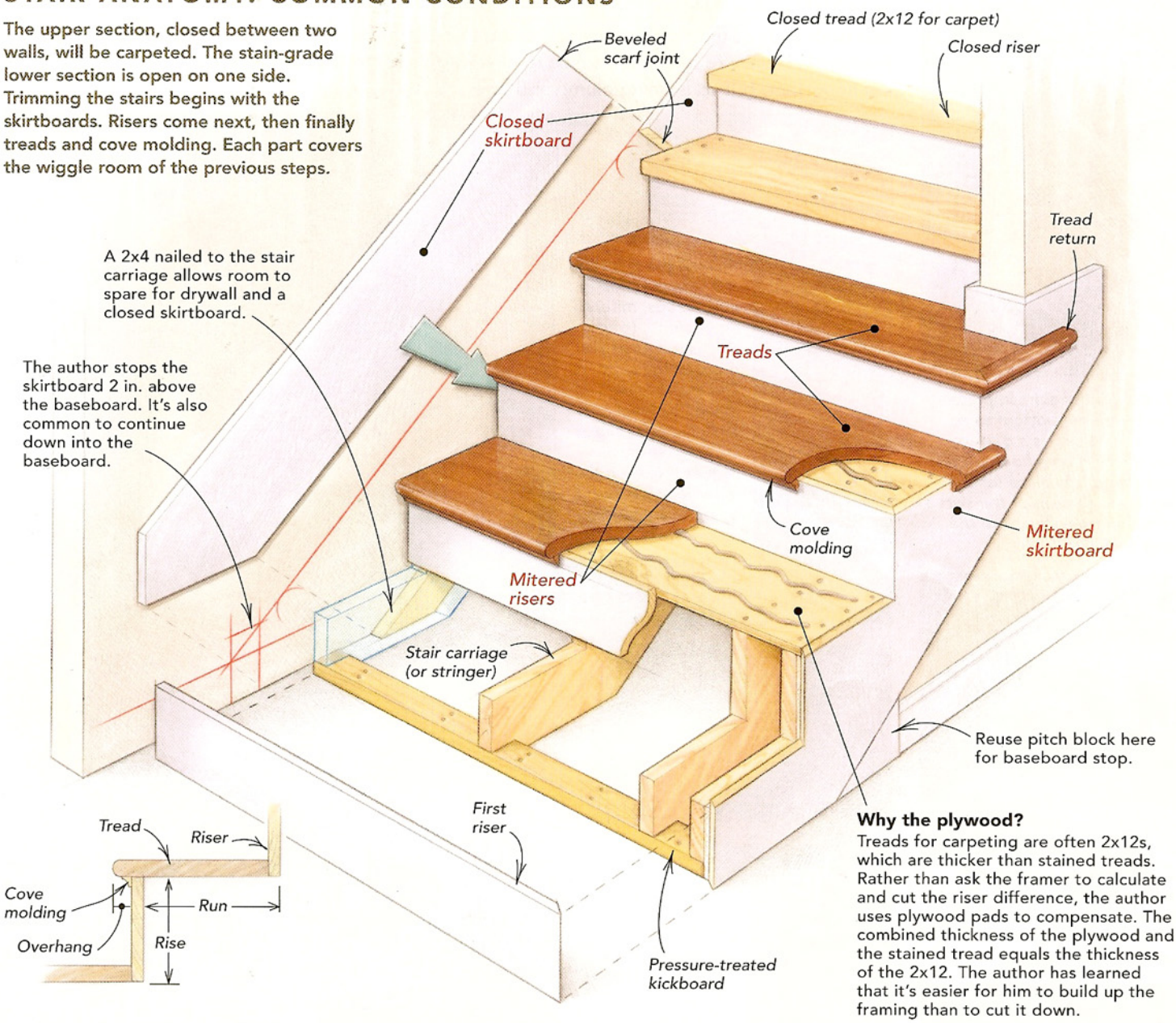
Taking your stairs to the next level

STAIR ANATOMY: COMMON CONDITIONS

The upper section, closed between two walls, will be carpeted. The stain-grade lower section is open on one side. Trimming the stairs begins with the skirtboards. Risers come next, then finally treads and cove molding. Each part covers the wiggle room of the previous steps.



Why the plywood?
Treads for carpeting are often 2x12s, which are thicker than stained treads. Rather than ask the framer to calculate and cut the riser difference, the author uses plywood pads to compensate. The combined thickness of the plywood and the stained tread equals the thickness of the 2x12. The author has learned that it's easier for him to build up the framing than to cut it down.

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